

RECOGNIZING KAREN RAPP AND
CATHLEEN SCARBOROUGH OF
GOVERNOR MIFFLIN MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Karen Rapp and Cathleen Scarborough for their establishment and implementation of the "Adopt a Veteran Program" at Governor Mifflin Middle School which served to educate children about our great nation and the heroic citizens who defend it.

In the "Adopt a Veteran Program," led and coordinated by Karen and Cathleen, nine students were appointed by their teachers to interview three Governor Mifflin Middle School staff members who are also war veterans. Comprehensive interviews were undertaken and short biographies written about the veterans and their military experiences. Photographs and other mementos supplemented these biographies and the entire project was posted in a display case for all students to view.

Karen and Cathleen's efforts brought both recognition to the faculty veterans and greater insight and appreciation of America's citizen-soldiers to their students.

Mr. Speaker, in light of their efforts in establishing and implementing the "Adopt a Veteran" program, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Karen Rapp and Cathleen Scarborough of the Governor Mifflin Middle School, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE INAUGURAL MS.
DELILAH BEASLEY TEA AND
HONORING MS. BELVA DAVIS
FOR A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the enduring legacy of two extraordinary, trailblazing women journalists, the late Delilah Beasley and retiring Bay Area icon Belva Davis, as they continue to inspire future generations of young women of color, many of whom will be part of the new Alameda County headquarters of Girls Inc. in Oakland, CA. This extraordinary occasion, hosted by the Progressive Oakland Women for Empowerment and Reform (P.O.W.E.R.), is a testament to what is possible when we work together to celebrate, connect and transform the lives of women: past, present and future.

Today, supporters and friends, including esteemed California Governor, Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown, Jr., and venerable faith leader Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., have gathered to pay tribute to women who changed the face of journalism in the Bay Area and beyond

through their intellect and tenacity. Moreover, event proceeds will be donated to the Girls Inc. Building Fund.

In honor of the first annual tea in her name, we recognize American historian and Oakland Tribune newspaper columnist Delilah Leontium Beasley as a true Bay Area unsung hero. Born in 1871, Ms. Beasley's journalism career began by writing short pieces for a black Ohio newspaper called the Cleveland Gazette. In her over 50-year career, Ms. Beasley spent 25 years as a resident of Oakland. And, California and Bay Area communities are forever changed as a result of the far-reaching effects of her transformative work.

She spent nine years scouring University of California, Berkeley library archives to produce *The Negro TrailBlazers of California*, a groundbreaking and prolific chronicle of California Black History throughout the 1800s. Published in 1919, her book focused on the achievements and sacrifices of black pioneers including prominent stories of women. From 1925 to 1934, she continued her commitment to championing communities of color as the first African American woman to be published regularly in a major newspaper. As an Oakland Tribune columnist, Ms. Beasley gained local acclaim for her positive stories about the Black community and her ability to reach mainstream audiences. She was also a long-time local activist who fought for integration in every level of civic and social life, including helping to spearhead California's first anti-lynching bill. Delilah Beasley should be in the halls of every museum and on the pages of every American history book. This annual event represents a new opportunity make her story and achievements known far and wide.

Today, this legacy continues with the presentation of a P.O.W.E.R Lifetime Achievement Award to eight-time local Emmy winner Belva Davis. As the first African-American woman TV journalist in the Western United States, Ms. Davis is a living legend who tore down media barriers and defied racist stereotypes. For nearly five decades, Ms. Davis has continued to forge ahead, protecting the legacy of women like Delilah Beasley and paving the way for girls like those in Girls Inc. She began her bold career in 1964—the midst of the Civil Rights Movement—ignoring risk and personal attack to cover history in the making.

A respected anchor for news programs on KPIX-TV and KRON-TV, Ms. Davis has covered high-profile local, national and global news events, interviewing world leaders and U.S. presidents over the decades. Famed for her strong, 19-year presence as the host of public television's, "This Week in Northern California," Ms. Davis will be sorely missed by a bevy of fans, including community leaders, celebrities, colleagues and Bay Area residents. Though her final broadcast will air November 9, 2012, she will continue her role as a long-time community advocate.

Therefore, on behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, I thank Ms. Belva Davis for a lifetime of service and congratulate her upon receipt of this honor. I thank P.O.W.E.R for their vital work to support the achievement of women and girls, and wish them many more years of successful celebra-

tions of the commemorative, "Ms. Delilah Beasley Tea."

HONORING LINCOLN "ED" BURTON
FOR HIS SERVICE AS STATE
CONSERVATIONIST FOR USDA'S
NATURAL RESOURCES CON-
SERVATION SERVICE IN CALI-
FORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Representatives FARR, GARAMENDI, MCNERNEY, and WOOLSEY, to recognize Lincoln "Ed" Burton, State Conservationist of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in California for the past 7 years, and a conservationist with that Agency in numerous western states for the past 48 years. Mr. Burton has dedicated his life to helping farmers and ranchers find conservation solutions to natural resource concerns in ways that respect both the economic and environmental contributions made by agricultural producers.

Mr. Burton has become known for his inclusiveness, diplomacy, and transparent, leadership style in administering and strategically investing \$840 million in federal conservation funding to protect natural resources on cropland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland. He has expanded and enhanced wildlife habitat for common and impaired species—notably the Greater Sage Grouse.

Mr. Burton has contributed to the long-term preservation of farmland, essential to our Nation's ability to feed itself. Under his watch, farmers voluntarily enrolled historical wetlands for long-term protection so that today the Agency is responsible for the restoration of one fourth of California's current functioning wetlands.

Mr. Burton's leadership provided water quality planning and implementation services on more than 1400 dairies in California, helping the industry address the regulatory requirements they faced amid difficult economic times to protect the quality of California's surface and groundwater while helping to maintain economic viability for one of the State's top agricultural industries.

Mr. Burton oversaw a significant expansion in the air quality achievements of the Agency, helping farmers claim emissions reductions of over 1600 tons of nitrogen oxides each year.

Mr. Burton has been a staunch advocate for conservation planning to make the best possible advancements in the management and health of cropland, rangeland and forests, protecting on-farm soil, water, air and habitat resources in a manner that is acceptable and consistent with economic sustainability.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize our public servant, Ed Burton, for his visionary leadership and contributions to California's natural resources and his dedication to our agricultural communities.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF WOMELSDORF

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Borough of Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pennsylvania on its 250th anniversary.

Founded by five German farmers, Msrs. Weiser, Brown, Fidler, Schaeffer and Kobel during the 1720s, the area that would become the Borough of Womelsdorf has enjoyed a rich and storied history. One of these original settlers, Conrad Weiser, came to America in 1709 when his father, Johann Conrad Weiser, migrated from the German principality of Wurttemberg to England before settling on the New York frontier. In 1729, Conrad Weiser brought his wife and children to the Tulpehocken region, settling on 200 acres near the present town of Womelsdorf. In 1749, "Tulpehocken Eisenhammer" was the first industry founded when John George Nickoll and Michael Miller built a forge to produce "barr iron" at a location less than two miles north of Womelsdorf. This establishment was later known as "Charming Forge." In 1760, John Womelsdorf received in conveyance the land that would become the present day Borough of Womelsdorf and, in 1762, sold the first lots in the town he had established.

While the Borough of Womelsdorf has changed a great deal throughout its history, it still retains much of the charm from its historic past. Pre-Revolutionary buildings continue to stand in close proximity to modern structures. Today, the Borough of Womelsdorf and its citizens continue to make valuable contributions to the quality of the economic and social life of Berks County while preserving the history of its past.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Borough of Womelsdorf and its remarkable history on the occasion of its 250th anniversary and to extend best wishes for the Borough's continued prosperity and longevity.

RECOGNIZING TERRY JONES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE WOLF TRAP FOUNDATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Rep. FRANK WOLF and Rep. JIM MORAN, to recognize and commend Terrence D. "Terry" Jones on the occasion of his retirement after 17 years of distinguished service as President and CEO of the Wolf Trap Foundation. Terry's career in the performing arts spans more than 40 years, and he leaves a rich legacy both on and off the stage that will benefit the arts community and Northern Virginia for years to come.

During his tenure, Terry helped fulfill and then expand Wolf Trap's mission of providing a world-class platform for aspiring and accomplished artists alike at the majestic Filene Center and the 18th century Barns at Wolf Trap. Thanks to his innovative spirit, the Foundation continues to set new attendance and fundraising records. As the guiding force behind America's only National Park for the performing arts, Terry has positioned Wolf Trap as a leader not only in the arts, but also in connecting education, technology and environmental stewardship through the arts and inspiring passion for those pursuits in a new generation. And though its artistic scope is on the national and global stages, Terry has made sure that Wolf Trap also is a resource for our local communities.

In 2003, Terry helped lead the fund-raising effort to establish a National Center for Education on the Wolf Trap campus. The nonprofit focuses on early childhood arts education but serves as a resource for the entire community, particularly local school children. More recently, Wolf Trap partnered with the U.S. Department of Education on a project to integrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education into the arts.

Terry also has strengthened Wolf Trap's connection to its environmental roots. In 2007, he launched the Foundation's "Go Green" program with the stretch goal of making Wolf Trap carbon neutral. To date, the program has decreased the park's carbon footprint by 20% and cut landfill waste in half. Wolf Trap has been designated as a Climate Friendly Park by the EPA and National Park Service. Terry also led the effort to establish the National Council on the Arts and Environment and a partnership with the Aspen Institute on a nationwide Summit on the Arts and the Environment.

Prior to taking the helm at Wolf Trap, Terry served as CEO and artistic Director of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He previously served as General Manager of Clowes Memorial Hall in Indianapolis, Assistant Dean of the College of Fine Arts at Butler University, and he also founded the Bradford Repertory Theater in Vermont.

Throughout his distinguished career, Terry has received local and national recognition. He received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from his alma mater, the University of Kansas, was named Washingtonian of the Year in 2006 by Washingtonian Magazine, and was recognized by his peers with the Fan Taylor Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Performing Arts Presenters. During his tenure as Foundation president, Wolf Trap also has received numerous awards and accolades.

Beyond these accomplishments, we want to recognize Terry's exemplary role not just as an arts advocate and executive, but also as an individual. When asked in an interview what he loves most about his job, he said: "People—I don't think you could do this job if you didn't enjoy people and didn't like being around people." We can all recognize and appreciate Terry's unequivocal commitment to his craft and our community.

Mr. Speaker, Terry Jones has left a tangible, lasting imprint on the rich history of our National Park for the Performing Arts, and his

legacy will continue to inspire a new generation of artists. We wish Terry, his wife, Polly, and their family the continued success as he enters this next act of his life, and we ask our colleagues to join us in expressing our appreciation for his tremendous contributions to the arts, our nation and the Northern Virginia community.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR FRANK JACKSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mayor Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of Cleveland, for being named the 2012 Black Professional of the Year by the Black Professionals Association Charitable Foundation (BPACF).

Born and raised in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, Mayor Jackson attended Cleveland Public Schools. Upon graduating from Max S. Hayes High School, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Mayor Jackson later earned an associate's degree from Cuyahoga Community College and a bachelor's degree in History and Urban Studies from Cleveland State University (CSU). He also would earn a master's and law degree from CSU.

Prior to taking on his role as Mayor of Cleveland, Jackson held a number of roles in public service. He began his career in the Cleveland Municipal Court Clerk's Office as an Assistant City Prosecutor. Mayor Jackson was first elected to public office in 1989 as a Cleveland City Councilman. He served the residents of Cleveland's 5th Ward in his capacity as a councilman until 2005. He also served as the Cleveland City Council President from 2002 to 2005 before being elected as the Mayor of Cleveland. He took office in January 2006, dedicating the past several years of his life to the residents of the City of Cleveland.

As Mayor of Cleveland, Jackson has made strong contributions to the advancement of equality and has worked tirelessly to increase opportunities for the economically and socially disadvantaged. Mayor Jackson has supported subsidized affordable housing in Cleveland to ensure everyone has a roof over their heads. Moreover he has labored to include low income Clevelanders in the decision-making process, rather than alienating them. Additionally he is focused on improving the education experience of students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; safety conditions for residents by improving the relationship between local law enforcement and the community; and tirelessly working on the continued economic development of the City of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mayor Frank Jackson on being named the 2012 Black Professional of the Year.